(a) The details of the 45 and 511 non-SSI sick/weak industrial units in public and private sector; and

(b) the number of such units in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). According to the RBI, the details of 45 non-SSI sick/weak industrial units in the public sector and 511 non-SSI sick/weak industrial units in the private sector in respect of north India are as under:—

Name of the State/Union Territories	Non-SSI sick/weak public sector unit	Non-SSI sick/weak private sector unit
Chandigarh	0	5
Delhi	5	53
Haryana	4	97
Himachal Pradesh	1	31
Jammu & Kashmir	0	7
Punjab	1	72
Rajasthan	5	64
Uttar Pradesh	29	182
Total	45	511

Awareness Campaign for Indian Branded Tea in Poland

790. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an awareness campaign for Indian branded tea was launched in Poland without ensuring its adequate availability as a result of which an additional amount to the tune of Rs. 33.95 lakhs had to be spent unnecessarily;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any action or proposed to take any action to check such unnecessary expenditure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) No, sir. An awareness campaign for brand promotion of Indian Tea was launched in the financial year 1998-99 in Poland as it was noticed that many private parties using cheaper quality teas were mislabelling their packets as 'India Tea'. These packets contained—either nil or negligible quantity of Indian tea. Tea Board therefore embarked upon a logo specific campaign to convey that packet teas with the Indian tea Logo only contained 100% Indian tea. Accordingly this campaign was undertaken at a cost of Rs. 35.00 lakhs during April, 1998.

Import and Export by MMTC

†791. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMTC imports and exports various items on large scale;

(b) if so, the complete details of items imported and exported during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that MMTC had drawn up a scheme of export of Basmati rice without getting order from any country;

(d) if so, the objective behind such an export policy; and

(e) the action being taken by Government for loss of revenue suffered by the export policy of the MMTC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of major items imported and exported by MMTC during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) In the liberalised trade regime and in a bid to broad base its trading activities, MMTC has also been dealing in agro commodities both for import and export. Based on the experience gained in the agro commodities and basmati rice being a traditionally potential commodity for export, MMTC made an effort to develop a capital supply source by processing of basmati paddy. However, bacause of contractual default on the part of the processor, MMTC has initiated legal proceedings to recover its dues.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.